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This report is presented pursuant to Charities Act 2006, section 70, which enables the provision of financial assistance to charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institutions.

Throughout 2010-11, the Home Office has made grants totalling £6.57m to organisations under the provisions of the Charities Act 2006. In all cases, the funding matched both the aims and objectives of the Home Office, as well as those of the recipients. This spending does not represent the total amount of grant funding provided to the Voluntary and Community Sector, as many other grants have been paid to this sector under the powers conferred by alternative legislation.

A total of £3.44m paid under the Charities Act relates to Prevent. The aim of Prevent is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism.

The Government and Devolved Administrations cannot deliver Prevent alone. The Prevent programme depends upon collaborative work with people in all communities who reject violent extremism and are determined to challenge it. Strong and empowered communities are better equipped to reject the ideology of violent extremism, isolate apologists for terrorism and provide support to vulnerable institutions and individuals.

To this end, Prevent engages with the Voluntary and Community Sector at a national and local level. This work is unique and ground breaking, and comprises activities to counter radicalisation and provide diversionary and rehabilitation interventions; for example, peer mentoring, leadership programmes and equipping people with the knowledge and skills to challenge extremist narratives and support individuals.

Grants of £2.80m have been paid to a range of Third Sector partners contributing to reducing crime, as well as two charitable trusts supporting policing. The activities that this funding has contributed towards include building works for Police rehabilitation centres; ensuring Public Liability insurance for the Neighbourhood Watch members is in place to cover their community activities; and supporting dependents of Police Officers killed in the line of duty.

A grant of £336,697 was paid by the UK Border Agency to the National Museum Liverpool, for the maintenance of the historic customs collection, provision of the UK Border Agency National Museum and associated drug and weapons education projects.

As with all grant funding in the Home Office, grants paid under the Charities Act are monitored to ensure that recipients deliver the objectives of individual projects as well as contributing to the strategic aims of the Department. Emphasis is placed on providing value for money which, taking account of the innovative nature of the Prevent programme, is under continuous review.

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